

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Natarajan, et al.

Attorney Docket No.: CISCPI11

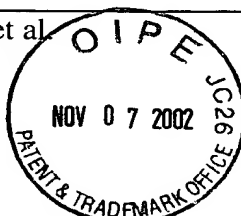
Application No.: 09/342,742

Examiner: Dmitry Levitan

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Title: TECHNIQUE FOR COLLECTING  
OPERATING INFORMATION FROM  
NETWORK ELEMENTS, AND FOR  
CONTROLLING NETWORK ELEMENT  
BEHAVIOR IN A FEEDBACK-BASED,  
ADAPTIVE DATA NETWORK



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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.  
The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	11	MINUS	39	0	x 9 =	x 18 = 0
Independent Claims	1	MINUS	4	0	x 42 =	x 84 = 0
Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid					\$140.00	\$280.00
Total					\$	\$0

- ☒ Applicant(s) hereby petition for a one month extension(s) of time to respond to the  
aforementioned Office Action.
- ☒ Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is  
determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension  
be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time  
under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.
- ☒ Enclosed is our Check No. 10492 in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the additional  
claim fee and/or extension of time fees.
- ☒ Please charge the required fees, or any additional fees required to facilitate filing the  
enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. CISCPI11).

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**AMENDMENT A**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner enters the following amendments in response to the Office Action dated 3 July 2002, a response to which is due on 3 October 2002. A one month extension is requested.

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the abstract with the following text. A substitution sheet is also attached herein. A marked up version of the abstract is present in the attached Appendix.

A feedback-based adaptive network is described wherein at least a portion of the network elements report operating information relating to network conditions to a centralized data store. The information which is reported to the data store is analyzed by a policy engine which includes a plurality of application specific plug-in policies for analyzing selected information from the data store and for computing updated control information based upon the analysis of the